



**City of Newton's
Yard of the Month Contest
ENTRY FORM**

Resident's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Nominated by _____ Telephone _____

Key Elements of Yard's Appearance _____

Judges' Comments _____

Photo(s) attached _____

Return form and photo(s) to:

**The Appearance Commission
PO Box 550
Newton, NC 28658**

Yard of the Month Contest

Do you have an award-winning yard that you want to show off?

The City of Newton's Appearance Commission invites you to take part in a monthly contest for the most attractive, well maintained yard in the city.

CONTEST RULES:

1. You must live in Newton city limits.
2. The contest will take place once a month from May to August.
3. You must notify the Appearance Commission that you would like to enter the contest. Or that you nominate someone.
4. Contestant must be willing to have photos of him or herself and yard taken and published.
5. Contestants can only win the contest one time per year.
6. Winning yards will be selected based on: attractiveness, maintenance, beautification, originality, creativity and over all aesthetics.
7. The upkeep of the yard should be done primarily by the efforts of the residents. Submission of a yard that is maintained by a professional landscaper will be accepted on a discretionary basis.

JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NON-NEGOTIABLE

CONTEST SUBMISSION:

1. Notify the Appearance Commission of your names, address, telephone number, and a photo of your yard.

If you wish to have your photo returned, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Otherwise, the photo becomes the property of the Appearance Commission and will not be returned.
2. All entries will be considered on a first-come, first-served bases.

3. You can nominate someone that you feel has put a lot of effort into maintaining their property and deserves recognition.

CONTEST PRIZES:

1. A yard sign indicating your yard was chosen as the "Yard of the Month".
2. A certificate from the City of Newton's Appearance Commission.
3. Additional prizes may be awarded.

The Appearance Commission will notify winners within the first week to claim prizes and possibly a winning photo.

ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND ARE MADE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE APPEARANCE COMMISSION

JUDGING:

1. The judges will consist of the members of the Appearance Commission.
2. The commission will review all entries for the month and may conduct a site visit of the finalists. (This can be a scheduled viewing or it may be an unannounced ride-by.)
3. The commission will select winners based on:
 - General upkeep of the yard (well manicured grass, trimmed hedges, etc.)
 - Beautification efforts (flowers, trees, etc.)
 - Originality/creativity (any special touches by the owner i.e., yard art, bird feeders, etc.)

City of Newton's Yard of the Month

Vision

The Appearance Commission's "Yard of the Month" vision is to enhance the quality of life of the residents, to encourage a pedestrian friendly environment throughout the community and to instill in the eyes of residents what Newton can be through improved yard maintenance.

Mission

The mission of the Appearance Commission's "Yard of the Month" is to create a greater sense of community pride by recognizing highly visible physical improvements in the appearance of residents' yards.